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SUICIDE VICTIM FOUND IN GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

Grand Teton National Park rangers discovered the body of John Curtis Pattison, age 52, of Lake Hughes, California, at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29, near the old Luther Taylor Homestead cabin at the park's east boundary. A search for Pattison began after a 1:50 p.m. phone call from the Teton County Sheriff's Office alerted rangers that Pattison's wife, Pamela, had just received a letter in the mail regarding her husband's intention to commit suicide in the park.

Mid-day Wednesday, Pamela Pattison received a two-day air package containing a letter with information about her husband's suicide plan and directions for where his body might be found. She called 911 and spoke with Teton County officials who alerted park dispatch. Rangers immediately began to search areas in the park mentioned in the letter to locate Pattison's vehicle. His 2002 Dodge Ram pickup was found parked alongside the road just east of Kelly Warm Springs with the keys left in the ignition. Footprints in the newly fallen snow led rangers to Pattison, who had taken his life with a Colt revolver.

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